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Identical letters dated 7 November 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the remarks by Israeli regime Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on 5 November 2012 (Israeli television channel 2, programme *Fact*), as reflected in international media, wherein he once again threatened to use force against the Islamic Republic of Iran by reiterating his intention to conduct an attack on the Iranian nuclear sites. According to the same sources, in an aggressive posture, he even suggested that for such an attack he does not need "the support from Washington or the world".

The Islamic Republic of Iran expresses its strong protest and condemnation of such a provocative, unwarranted and irresponsible statement by the Israeli regime Prime Minister as well as other similar statements by officials of that regime. Such statements are in flagrant violation of the most fundamental provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the basic principles of international law, which prohibit any act of aggression. It is ironic, however, that such inflammatory remarks and baseless allegations against Iran are uttered by officials of a regime whose clandestine development and unlawful possession of nuclear weapons is the major threat to regional as well as international peace and security and that has an unparalleled record of crimes and atrocities amounting to crimes against humanity.

I wish to reiterate that the Islamic Republic of Iran has never had any intention to attack any other nation. At the same time, it should be emphasized that, in accordance with its inherent right under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, Iran would not hesitate to take all necessary measures in self-defence and to respond decisively to any attack against its people and its territory. Undoubtedly, threats to use force and any recourse to an act of aggression, as stated by the Israeli regime, would obviously endanger peace and security in the region, which the United Nations should react to in a timely manner and take appropriate measures to prevent. It is self-evident that those who may resort to force should be held responsible for any adverse ramifications and dire consequences arising from that force.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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